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March 29, 2019

#### VIA ECF

Honorable Christine M. Gravelle United States Bankruptcy Judge 402 East State Street, Ctrm: #3 Trenton, NJ 08608

RE: Bankruptcy Petition #: 18-33285-CMG

Foreclosure Palm Beach County, Florida Case No: 502018CA11174 XXXX MB AF

## Dear Judge Gravelle:

This office represents U.S. Bank National Association, Successor in Interest to Bank of America, National Association, Successor by Merger to Lasalle National Association as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2007-NC1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-NC1 ("U.S. Bank") in the Florida foreclosure matter identified above. Accordingly, U.S. Bank is the first-priority mortgagee, for debtors Jacqueline and Larry Kushner's property located in Boynton Beach, Florida. We are seeking guidance from the Court regarding a prior New Jersey Bankruptcy Court Order.

On October 15, 2017, the Honorable Katherine C. Ferguson, United States Bankruptcy Judge, issued an Order granting prospective stay relief under 11 USC 362(d)(4). Judge Ferguson noted that the Kushners had filed, at least, five other bankruptcies for the purposes of delaying a foreclosure action related to their Boynton Beach property. The second-priority lien holder, Wyndsong HOA, obtained this Order granting stay relief in an earlier foreclosure case, which Wyndsong HOA and Kushner's ultimately resolved. Accordingly, Judge Ferguson determined that the Order for Stay Relief would be binding "in any other Bankruptcy case purporting to affect the Subject Property which is filed no later than 2 years after the date of the entry of this Order by the Court."

Here, the Kushners' latest bankruptcy petition caused U.S. Bank's subsequent foreclosure action (case number 502018CA11174) to be stayed. As a result, Wyndsong HOA, a defendant in this action as the second-priority lienholder, filed Judge Ferguson's October 2017 Order with the foreclosure court. But the Kushners have taken the position that this stay relief only applies to the foreclosure actions instituted by Wyndsong HOA.

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Consequently, we seek guidance from this Court as to whether Judge Ferguson's October 2017 Order applies to U.S. Bank's foreclosure action in Palm Beach County, Florida. Further, if the Court deems that this Order applies, we request an additional two-and-a-half-year relief from stay – from the date of Your Honor's determination – to timely complete foreclosure proceedings on this property.

We have attached Wyndsong HOA's Notice for the Court's review. Should the Court require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Brian S. Pantaleo

BSP:tmc Attachment

cc:

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2007-NC1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NC1,

Case No. 502018CA011174XXXXMBAF

Plaintiff,

v.

JACQUELINE KUSHNER, UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JACQUELINE KUSHNER,
WYNDSONG ESTATES HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC., WYNDSONG ISLE
ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION,
INC., ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN
PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH,
UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN
NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S)
WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD
OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN
PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST
AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES,
GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF FILING

Defendant, WYNDSONG ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Wyndsong Estates") hereby gives Notice of Filing Notice of Interest in Real Property, recorded in the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida in O.R. Book 29420 at Page 1008. A copy of the Notice of Interest in Real Property is attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent via electronic mail this 13 day of February, 2019 to: Gweneth Brimm, Esq., Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L., at <a href="mail@rasflaw.com">mail@rasflaw.com</a>, and <a href="mail@gstlaw.com">gbrimm@rasflaw.com</a>, to Brian Pantaleo, Esq., Greenberg Traurig, P.A., at <a href="mail@pantaleob@gtlaw.com">pantaleob@gtlaw.com</a>, <a href="mail@gtlaw.com">chalkleyt@gtlaw.com</a>, and <a href="mail@FLService@gtlaw.com">FLService@gtlaw.com</a>, and to any and all other persons so designated to receive electronic service of documents in the instant litigation.

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1	NOTICE OF INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY
an interest in the real pre-	n Real Property hereby serves as notice that the Wyndsong Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. claims operty described hereinbelow pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §362(d)(4) by virtue of the attached Court Order In re Kushner, Case No. 17-23895-KCF (Bankr. D. NJ. October 15, 2017). To obtain information as to Real Property, please contact Joshua Gerstin, Esq. at 40 S.E. 5th St., Suite 610, Boca Raton, FL 33432.
Legal Description:	Lot 26, CRYSTAL LAKE, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 96, Page 107, of the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida
Property Address:	10845 Lake Wynds Court, Boynton Beach, FL 33437
Parcel Control Number:	00-42-45-27-15-000-0260
Jøshua G. Gerstin, Esq.	as attorney-in-fact for leowners Association, Inc.
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM B	EACH
The foregoing instrume in-fact for the Wyndson	nt was acknowledged before me this day of october, 2017, by Joshua Gerstin, Esq., as attorneyge Estates Homeowners Association, Inc., who is personally known to me and did not take an oath.
My Commission Expire	Notary Public
(407) 308-0	LISA ALINE KOCHLANY MY COMMISSION #FF101653 EXPIRES March 25, 2018 Printed Name  Printed Name

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

Order Filed on October 15, 2017 by Clerk

In Re:

Jacqueline Kushner,

Debtor.

Case No.:

17-23895

Chapter:

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Hearing Date:

September 27, 2017

Judge:

Kathryn C. Ferguson

# ORDER GRANTING PROSPECTIVE STAY RELIEF UNDER 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(4)

The relief set forth on the following pages (2) and (3) is ORDERED.

DATED: October 15, 2017

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THIS MATTER having come before the court for a hearing on Creditor, Wyndsong Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Bad Faith Petition, or for Relief from Stay, and Motion to Exempt Property from Stay, and for good-cause shown it is

#### **ORDERED** as follows:

WHEREAS Debtor and her husband, Larry Jay Kushner ("LJK"), are defendants in a homeowner's association foreclosure action brought by Creditor, Wyndsong Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Wyndsong HOA"), which is pending in Palm Beach County, Florida with respect to real property located at 10845 Lake Wynds Court, Boynton Beach, FL 33437 (hereinafter the "Subject Property"), assigned case number of the Palm Beach County, Florida foreclosure action is 502011CA014967XXXXMBAW ("Foreclosure Action"), and Debtor is the sole owner of the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS During the pendency of the Foreclosure Action, Debtor and LJK have each filed two bankruptcy petitions affecting the Subject Property, including the instant case. The three prior cases are *In re Larry Jay Kushner*, Case No. 13-16619-CMG, *In re Jacqueline Kushner*, Case No. 13-28601-MBK, *In re Larry Jay Kushner*, Case No. 16-33591-CMG. The four bankruptcy cases were staggered, never overlapped, were not filed jointly by Debtor and LJK, and were each used to prevent a foreclosure sale from taking place in the Foreclosure Action; and

WHEREAS In re Larry Jay Kushner, Case No. 13-16619-CMG was filed on March 28, 2013 which stopped a foreclosure sale in the Foreclosure Action scheduled for April 1, 2013. LJK requested three extensions of time to file his schedules. He never filed his schedules and the case was dismissed on May 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS In re Jacqueline Kushner, Case No. 13-28601-MBK was filed on August 26, 2013, which stopped a foreclosure sale in the Foreclosure Action scheduled for August 26, 2013. Debtor requested two extensions of time to file her schedules. She never filed her schedules and the case was dismissed on October 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS In re Larry Jay Kushner, Case No. 16-33591-CMG was filed on December 12, 2016. On March 10, 2017, Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal denied Debtor's and LJK's request to stay a foreclosure sale in the Foreclosure Action scheduled for March, 13, 2017. Following the denial, LJK filed an emergency motion to cancel the foreclosure sale in the immediately above-referenced bankruptcy case. The foreclosure sale was temporarily stayed, but LJK's motion was eventually denied. Wyndsong HOA was also granted immediate and prospective stay relief, and the case was dismissed on May 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS The instant petition was filed on July 10, 2017, which stopped a foreclosure sale in the Foreclosure Action scheduled for July 10, 2017. The petition was filed after Debtor and LJK were again unable to stop the foreclosure sale in the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal.

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WHEREAS Debtor did not file schedules with her petition. On July 21, 2017, Debtor filed a motion to extend the time to file her schedules [D.E. 14]. The Court granted the motion and extended Debtor's to August 8, 2017 [D.E. 19]. On August 8, 2017, Debtor filed partial schedules [D.E. 26], and a second motion to extend the filing deadline [D.E 27]. On August 15, 2017, the Court denied Debtor's Motion to extend the filing deadline [D.E. 29], and dismissed the instant case [D.E. 30]; and

WHEREAS Based upon the timing and circumstances of each bankruptcy case referenced herein, the Court finds Debtor and LJK have filed multiple bankruptcies affecting the Subject Property, and such filings were part of a scheme to hinder and delay Wyndsong HOA from conducting a foreclosure sale of the Subject Property in the Foreclosure Action.

IT IS ORDERED that based upon the Court's findings herein, Wyndsong Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. is granted prospective *in rem* stay relief pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(4) with respect to any bankruptcy case purporting to affect the Subject Property located at 10845 Lake Wynds Court, Boynton Beach, FL 33437. This relief shall take immediate effect, without regard to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4001(a)(3). This Order may be recorded in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(4).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be binding in any other Bankruptcy case purporting to affect the Subject Property which is filed not later than 2 years after the date of the entry of this Order by the court